

Durham County Animal Control Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes July 28, 2010

In Attendance: Marie Inserra, Joyce McKinney, Evelyn Nicholson, Shafonda Price, Cindy Bailey, Joyce Arcus, Susan Teer, Martha Ann Traylor, George Webb. Lieutenant Hester and 2 Animal Control officers were in attendance.

Joyce Arcus presiding.

Minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Animal Control Update:

- AC is still monitoring Elodie Farms
- Reviewed completed calls and impound statistics

Shelter Update:

- Intake/outcome statistics were reviewed for May/June 2010

Old Business:

- TNVR
 - Summary of where the committee stands; components have been divided among smaller subcommittees for exploration; rough draft of the mission statement to be presented by January 2011

New Business:

- Discussion regarding animals locked in hot cars – AC requesting more authority in addressing these situations
 - Cindy discussed w/PD – current policy is to enter the car if the animal appears stressed
 - AC experience is that PD officers that respond are saying that they cannot do anything if the car is locked
 - Marie to explore options w/in confines of the law
 - Suggested a court order; questions were raised regarding turn-around time when time is of the essence in these situations
 - Brought up the issue of civil liabilities for the damaged vehicle because animals are considered property
 - Suggestion made that there should be a liaison between AC and the PD
 - Motion made for the Chair of ACAC to draft a letter to the Sheriff and Police Chief about the establishment of a committee to draft policies regarding situations involving the PD and Animal Control. Motion passed.
- AC requested a change to the anti-tethering ordinance to add in a 30 day waiting period before imposing a civil penalty.
 - Committee felt that this issue had been discussed in depth before the ordinance was passed and that the ordinance had passed with overwhelming public support
 - No action taken on this item

Meeting closed at 8:27 PM. Next meeting will be September 28, 2010, at 7 PM.

Minutes submitted by Joyce McKinney.